

Your Camp Kilmer Guide



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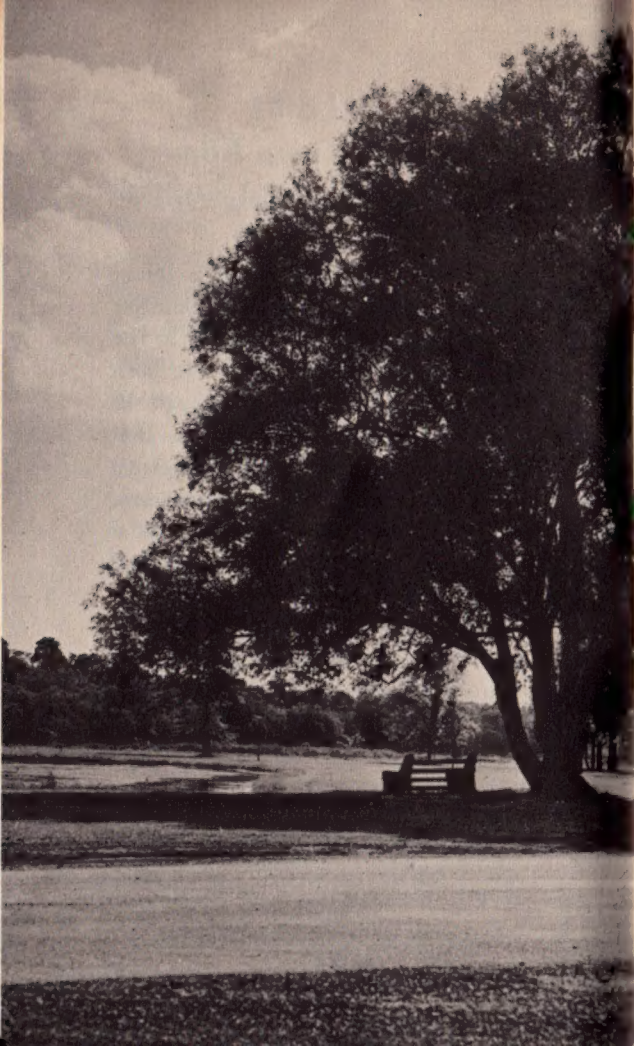
This booklet has been prepared with the hope that it will be of service to you during your stay in Camp Kilmer. We hope you will find the booklet helpful and the telephone facilities described on pages 14 to 23 convenient.

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A Welcome to Camp Kilmer from Your Commanding Officer

This is a post which is young but rich in tradition. It is perhaps familiar to more soldiers than any other post in the country. Some five million men have been stationed here or have passed through on their way to or from overseas theaters. It is one of the great military staging areas on the East coast. Used by both the Army and the Air Force, the camp also serves as a reception center for all inductees from New Jersey and the metropolitan New York area.

The post is here to serve you. Its facilities have been planned to make your stay here as pleasant as possible. Use them and enjoy yourself.



History

Camp Kilmer is named after Joyce Kilmer, the famous soldier-poet of World War I. Sgt. Kilmer, a native of New Brunswick, was killed in action in France, July 30, 1918, while serving with the "Fighting 69th" regiment of General Douglas MacArthur's 42d Rainbow Division. He is perhaps best known for his poem "Trees".

Ground was broken for the post in January, 1942, after the War Department chose this as the best site for a camp to serve the Port of New York. In June of that year the camp was officially opened as the \$25,000,000 construction program neared completion. After the war it was temporarily closed. Since its reactivation in September, 1950, it has again been serving as a staging area and is now a Reception Center as well.

Location

The camp is located two miles east of New Brunswick. New York is about 30 miles to the north and Philadelphia 60 miles south. There are excellent bus and train connections to both. The main line of the Pennsylvania Railroad runs past the

camp and nearby U. S. Route 1 is part of an easily reached highway network leading to the major cities of the East.

The central New Jersey area surrounding the camp is historically rich—it has been called the “cockpit of the Revolution”. American troops under George Washington fought the British back and forth across this section prior to the final victory at Yorktown. Rutgers University, one of the oldest schools in the country, is just across the river “on the banks of the old Raritan” in New Brunswick.

TRANSPORTATION

Bus Terminal

The Camp Kilmer bus terminal is directly across the road from Post Finance (Building 1302) and the main chapel (Building 1312). Buses connect all areas on the post with the terminal. From the terminal there is frequent bus service to the Pennsylvania Railroad Station in New Brunswick, and Lincoln Transit Service buses run to Times Square in New York City.

The fare to New Brunswick is 15 cents each way; to New York City it is \$1.25 round trip. Bus tickets to any point in the

U. S. may be purchased at the central terminal.

Railroad and Air Travel

From New Brunswick there is frequent railroad service to Newark, New York City, Philadelphia and Washington. The round trip fare for soldiers to Newark is \$1.00; New York City, \$1.50; Philadelphia, \$2.45; Washington, \$7.90.

In the Post TRANSPORTATION OFFICE (Building 1701) tickets for both railroad and air travel may be procured.

Western Union

Domestic and foreign message and money order service is provided at the Western Union office (Building 1310) on Road 3 across from Chapel 1.

RECREATION

Service Clubs

There are two Service Clubs in the camp. The Joyce Kilmer Club (Building 871) is located at Plainfield Avenue at the extreme east end of the Post. Service Club 2 (Building 367) is on Avenue D between



roads 4 and 5. Each has a television set, ping pong and pool tables, dance floor, musical instruments, writing tables, stationery, typewriters and comfortable lounge furniture. Dances are held at least three times weekly.

The clubs are open days and evenings, and serve as recreation centers and places to entertain friends and relatives.

Post Library

The main post library (Building 1309) is at the corner of Road 3 and Avenue D. A selection of books, hometown newspapers and popular magazines is available. There

is also a 5,000 volume library in the Joyce Kilmer Club (Building 871) and a similar collection in the hospital library (Building 1229).

Theaters

There are four large theaters at Camp Kilmer, each accommodating about 1,000 men, and with graded seating to insure good visibility. Programs are announced on all bulletin boards. The theaters are located in areas 3, 10, 14 and 15.

Gyms, Swimming Pool and Athletic Fields

The gymnasiums—one in area 6 (Building 667) and one in area 9 (Building 967)—with equipment and facilities for basketball, volleyball, boxing, weightlifting, etc., are open six days a week. The swimming pool, (Building 164) on Road 3 is also open every day except Sunday.

There are softball fields in all areas. The main diamond is at Baird Field (center of camp), where football games and track and field meets are also held. Tennis courts are on Avenue D. Handball courts are situated throughout the post.

GENERAL INFORMATION

American Red Cross

A Red Cross Field Director and staff are located in the hospital area and in Building 1500, next to Chapel 1 (Building 1312). They furnish a counseling service on family, personal and business problems, and assist military personnel in obtaining leaves and financial aid in family emergencies.

Post Office

The central Post Office (Building 1442)—next to Theater 1—is a branch of the New Brunswick Post Office and provides money order and parcel post service.

Post Exchanges

PX's are located in Areas 2 (Building 207), 3 (Building 307), 6 (Building 607), 8 (Building 807), 9 (Building 907), and 10 (Building 1007). They sell cigarettes, candy, ice cream, coffee, snacks, beer and a variety of supplies and have barber and tailor shops. PX 13 (Building 1303), near post headquarters, is a retail store handling uniforms, military goods and household appliances. There is a cafeteria in Area 4 (Building 407) and a snack bar in the Joyce Kilmer Club (Building 871). Beer is served indoors and outdoors at The Ranch (Building 706) and The Red Barn (Building 906).

Religious Services

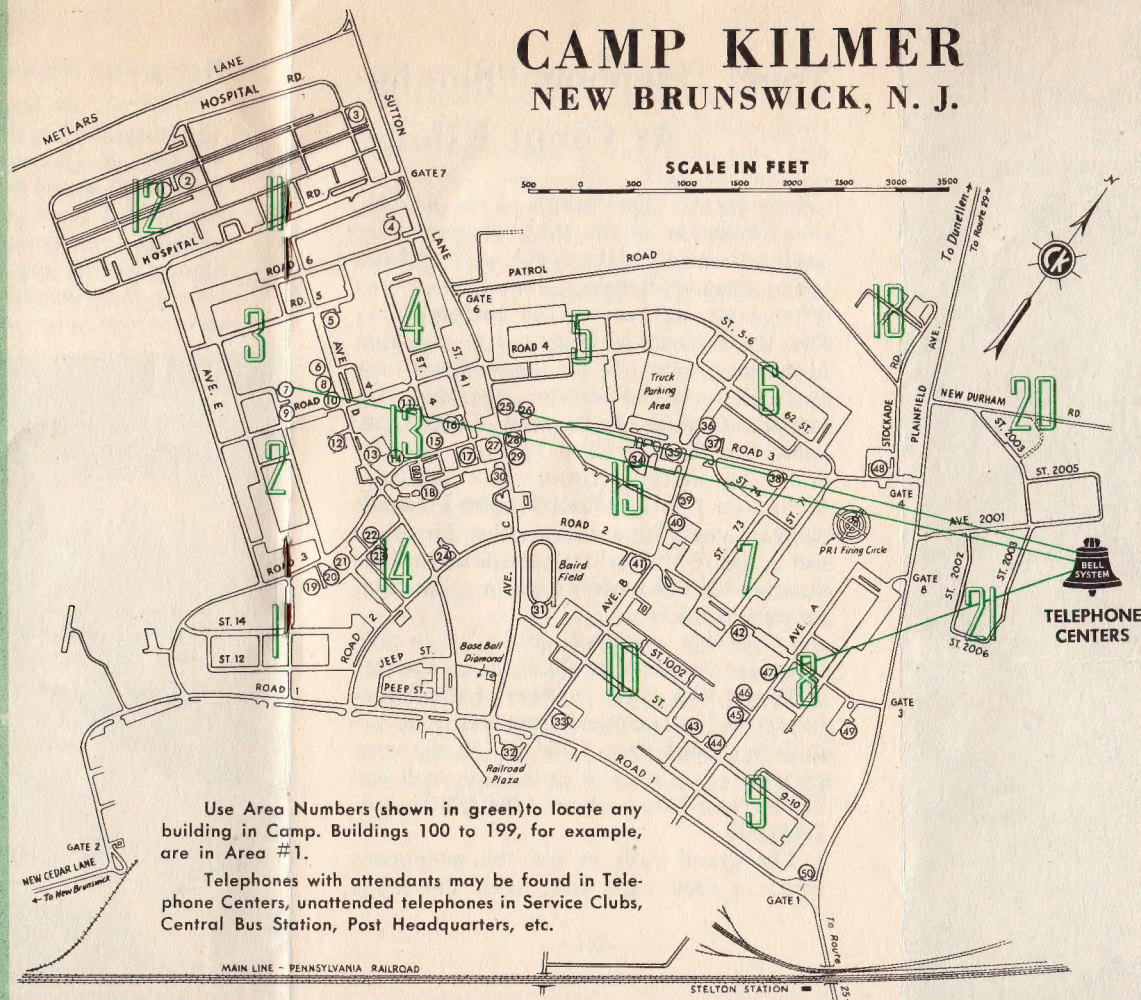
There are six chapels located in areas 2 (Building 200), 6 (Building 666), 8 (Building 800), 9 (Building 900), 13 (Building 1312), and at the hospital Ward B6. They are staffed with chaplains representing various denominations. Schedules of religious services are posted on all bulletin boards. Your participation in religious observances of your own faith is encouraged.



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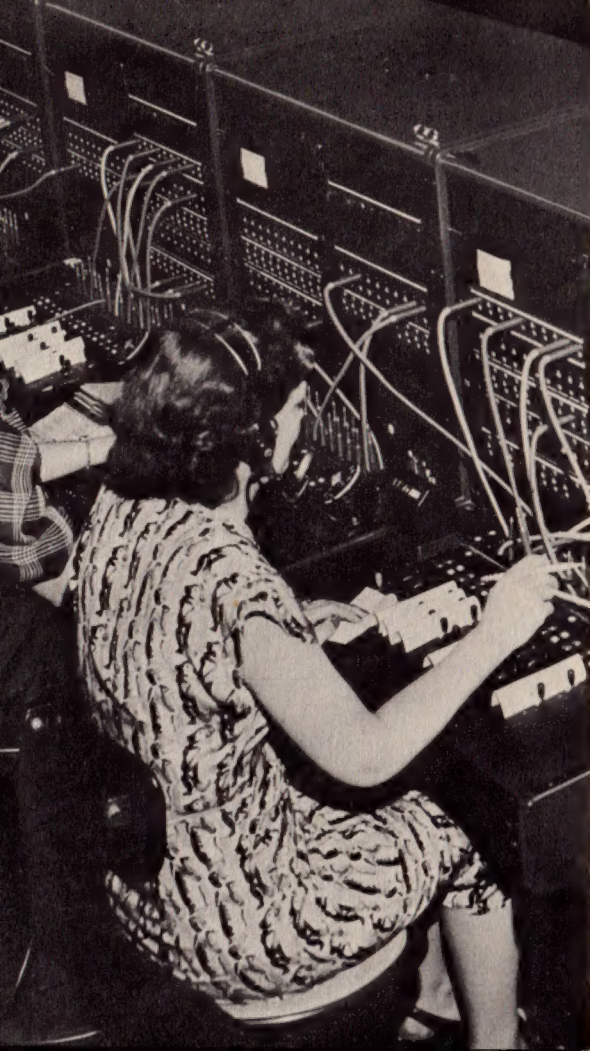
Location	Name	Building
16	Air Force Information	440
46	Bowling	967
15	Bus & Taxi Terminal	1315
11	Cafeteria	407
28	Chapel #1	1312
42	Chapel #2	800
10	Chapel #3	200
36	Chapel #6	666
45	Chapel #9	900
12	Community House	1429
31	Field House	1036
27	Finance Office	1302
37	Gymnasium #3	667
46	Gymnasium #4	967
23	Information & Education	1422
50	Information & Visitors' Pass Section	1776
34	Kilmer Bowl	1543
2	Library (Branch)	1229
13	Library (Post)	1309
40	N.C.O. Club	1511
14	Officers' Club	1308
41	Personnel Center Information	1000
9	Post Exchange #2	207
5	Post Exchange #3	307
44	Post Exchange #9	907
17	Post Exchange #13	1303

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LEGEND

Location	Name	Building
18	Post Headquarters	1306
21	Post Office	1442
39	Provost Marshal	1542
32	Rail Ticket Agency	1701
8	Reception Center	
	Information	300
1	Red Cross	1229
29	Red Cross	1300
22	Religious Center	1414
49	Service Club, Kilmer	871
49	Snack Bar	871
30	Special Services	1301
19	Swimming Pool	164
7	Telephone Center	206
47	Telephone Center	806
25	Telephone Center	1321
20	Theater #1	1441
4	Theater #2	371
48	Theater #3	672
35	Theater #4	1521
33	Theater #5	1071
3	The Nursery	1183
38	The Ranch	706
43	The Red Barn	906
32	Transportation (Com'l.)	1701
26	Western Union	1310
24	W.A.C. Detachment	1440



Your Telephone Service At Camp Kilmer

New Jersey, "the cockpit of the Revolution," today is in the thick of everything having to do with the "cold war" and national defense. Besides Camp Kilmer, two other large military establishments—Fort Dix, the Infantry training center, and Fort Monmouth, home of the Signal Corps—are in New Jersey. In addition, the Navy has important stations at Bayonne, Earle, Lakehurst and Pleasantville. The Air Force is active at Newark Airport and McGuire Field, and Picatinny and Raritan Arsenals carry on vital ordnance activities. These are but a few of the military activities in New Jersey, which also ranks high in production for national defense.

To provide telephone service for an area like this is no small problem. Since the end of World War II the number of telephones in service has increased from less than one million to more than 1,700,000. In the same period, the number of calls made each day has increased from about 4,000,000 to over 7,000,000.

The grand rush to use the telephones comes at 1800, right after mess. The night

rates go into effect at that time, and throughout the State thousands of New Jersey people take advantage of these lower rates. That means a real traffic jam, calls may be slow in getting through—and you may have to wait even to get to a telephone.

We regret these delays. We'd like to handle every call promptly. But sometimes there just aren't enough long distance circuits to carry all the calls people want to make. So we're doing the best we can with the circuits we have, using alternate routes and rearranging circuits in the evenings and over week-ends to make more lines available for your use.

You, Too, Can Help

make the service more satisfactory. First, by using the directories to be found at the Telephone Centers to look up the numbers you call—calling by number will speed your call. Second, by making calls of 30¢ or less during the less busy periods of the day—rates on such calls are the same twenty-four hours a day. Third, by remembering that any time Sunday is a good time to call, since Sunday rates are the same as night rates and apply all day.

PUBLIC TELEPHONES

Attended Phones

For your convenience while you are at Camp Kilmer, telephone operators are on duty at the public telephones in the three Telephone Centers (in Buildings 206, 806 and 1321), to put through calls and give information or assistance regarding telephone service. At these operator-attended telephones, calls should be given directly to the attendant, who will assign the booth to be used and accept payment following completion. Federal law requires that the exact amount of the tax be collected on *all* telephone calls made at attended stations. This may result in a difference of a few cents on some calls, as compared with those placed at unattended stations. In some cases it may mean a tax is charged at attended stations on calls on which no tax would be charged at regular coin stations.

COIN BOX PHONES

Don't lose your nickel

At public telephones in towns nearby the Camp, it is necessary to deposit a coin in order to reach the operator. At telephone



booths in the PX's, Service Clubs, bus stations, etc., within the Camp the operator will answer as soon as you lift the receiver. No coin should be deposited until the operator requests it. From dial telephones, be sure you wait for the dial tone—a hmmm—before you dial.

If you are in doubt as to the type of coin box telephone you are using, be sure to read the instruction card mounted on it.

TELEPHONE INFORMATION

"Station-to-Station" Calls

When you are willing to talk to anyone who answers—your call is a "station-to-station" call, and calls of this kind cost

less than "person-to-person" calls and are handled more rapidly. Just give the operator the desired place and the number, if you know it, for example, "Providence, Rhode Island, JACkson 1-9901". Charges begin *when the called telephone answers*.

"Person-to-Person" Calls

When you wish to talk to a particular person—your call is a "person-to-person" call. On calls of this kind, give the operator the place, number and name of the person wanted, for example, "Providence, Rhode Island, JACkson 1-9901, Mr. J. R. Green". Rates on person-to-person calls are somewhat higher than on station-to-station calls, because of the additional service given; however, charges do not begin until conversation starts with the person to whom you want to speak. No charge is made on person-to-person calls unless you actually talk to the particular person you call.

Collect Calls

If you wish to have the charges "reversed" please make this request when you place your call. Calls to most points can be

made in this way, if the called party is willing to accept the charges. On calls having a station-to-station rate of 30c or more (tax not included) there is no extra charge for this service.

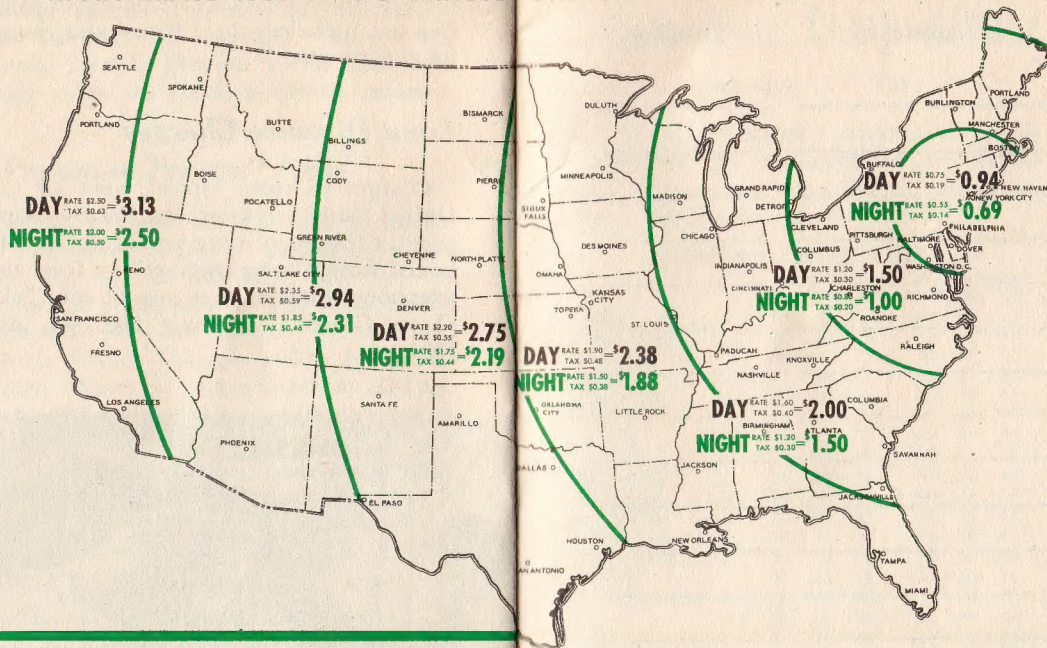
Long Distance Charges

Charges to some typical cities in the United States are shown on the following pages. Charges to other points can be obtained from "Long Distance" or from the telephone attendants at any of the Telephone Centers (Buildings 206, 806 and 1321).



LONG DISTANCE CHARGES FROM CAMP KILMER

APPROXIMATE COST OF A 3-MINUTE STATION-TO-STATION CALL



NIGHT and SUNDAY RATES apply from 1800 to 0430 hours and all of Sunday.

DAY RATES are in effect week-days from 0430 to 1800 hours.

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(Including U. S. Tax)

For initial periods of 3 minutes, except as designated. At coin-operated telephones these charges may vary one or two cents, due to application of the Federal tax.

STATION-TO-STATION

	Week Days			Nights, Sundays			
	Rate	Tax	Total	Rate	Tax	Total	
Albany	70	18	88	45	11	56	
Asbury Park	35	09	44	35	09	44	
Atlantic City	60	15	75	50	13	63	
Binghamton	65	16	81	40	10	50	
Boston	80	20	100	50	13	63	
Buffalo	95	24	119	60	15	75	
Camden	50	13	63	40	10	50	
Elizabeth	*20	03	23	*20	03	23	
Hackensack	35	09	44	35	09	44	
Harrisburg	65	16	81	40	10	50	
Jersey City	30	08	38	30	08	38	
Morristown	25	06	31	25	06	31	
New Haven	55	14	69	35	09	44	
Newark	25	06	31	25	06	31	
New York City	†20	03	23	†20	03	23	
to	40	10	50	to	35	09	44
Paterson	35	09	44	35	09	44	
Philadelphia	40	10	50	35	09	44	
Plainfield	*10	02	12	*10	02	12	
Portland, Maine	100	25	125	65	16	81	
Providence	75	19	94	45	11	56	
Syracuse	80	20	100	50	13	63	
Trenton	30	08	38	30	08	38	
Washington, D. C.	75	19	94	45	11	56	

* 5-minute Initial Period

† 20¢ and 25¢ Calls—4-minute Initial Period